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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

Note: Congress is scheduled to begin a two-week recess on Friday, April 12.

House

This week, House activities include the following topics of interest:

- Full House will begin consideration of *H.R. ____ - Energy Policy Act of 2003*
- Separate subcommittee hearings on FY 2004 Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Labor
- Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs hearing on the California Energy Market Refunds and Reform

Senate

This week, Senate activities include the following topics of interest:

- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will begin marking up an unnumbered and untitled bill dealing with comprehensive energy legislation; mark up will begin with Title I, which includes energy efficiency provisions
- Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export, and Trade Promotion will conduct a hearing on global energy security
- Committee on Environment and Public Works will conduct a hearing discuss a ban on MTBE and the *Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 2003*

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

House

Comprehensive Energy Legislation This week, the House will combine four bills that have emerged from separate committees into one piece of energy legislation for consideration by the full House. On April 9 or 10, the House will begin debating the provisions contained in the larger bill, *H.R. ____ - Energy Policy Act of 2003*. **Title I - Energy Conservation, includes Subtitle A – Federal Leadership in Energy Conservation** (to review provisions, refer to the FEMP Legislative Database (House Authorization bills) at www.eere.energy.gov/femp/resources/initiatives.html). The House is expected to vote on this bill before the end of the week.

FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations House and Senate conferees are expected to begin meeting this week with the intent of resolving differences between the two chambers' bills before Congress recesses for two weeks on April 12. The bills *H.R. 1559/S. 762*, which deal primarily with the

Iraqi war and homeland security, also includes unspecified funding for Federal “security-related” measures. Some of these funds can be used by Federal agencies to improve the structure or buildings and facilities.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

Legislation

Comprehensive Energy Legislation On April 1, the Committee on Energy and Commerce began marking up *H.R. ____ - Energy Policy Act of 2003*. The committee marked up without delay or controversy, Title I – Energy Conservation.

During the floor debate, Democrats are expected to continue to challenge the adoption of language dealing with utility restructuring. In general, the House Republican leadership supports the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) standard market design (SMD) proposal, which would give the Federal Government control over the nation’s utility grid. Many Democrats and some Republican’s objected to the proposal, and as a result, the leadership last week crafted compromise language to respond to regional concerns about joining a national grid. In the compromise language, states will still not be permitted to opt out of the national grid; however, fixed “native” utility loads (e.g., wholesale and retail power customers) will continue to receive priority from their utility provider.

Democrats believe that additional consideration and discussion is required before restructuring language should be adopted into law. In addition, Democrats are expected to reintroduce this week on the floor, their amendments to the House Republican bill; the amendments were defeated in committee mark ups last week. Amendments are expected to deal with utility restructuring (consumer protection), reformulated gasoline, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, among other topics.

The four committees submitting language for the bill include:

- Committee on Energy and Commerce (includes provisions dealing with energy efficiency, including FEMP and utility restructuring; title also includes provisions dealing with Energy Star and DOE state grant programs; a provision dealing with the renewable portfolio standard is pending)
- Committee on Ways and Means (*H.R. 1531* – includes provisions dealing with tax incentives for energy efficiency, alternative fuels, hydrogen fuel cells, etc.)
- Committee on Science (includes provisions dealing with energy efficiency and renewable energy research and development, including the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Initiative and FreedomCar)
- Committee on Resources (includes provisions dealing with drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge)

For details on the provisions in Title I, visit the FEMP Legislative Database (House Authorization bills) at www.eere.energy.gov/femp/resources/initiatives.html.

SENATE

Legislation

Comprehensive Energy Legislation After a one-week delay, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which is chaired by Pete Domenici (R/NM), will begin marking up the Senate's version of comprehensive energy legislation. Initially, the mark up was scheduled to begin last week, but in order to give Democrats an opportunity to review the bill and for the committee to address other pressing matters, the mark up was delayed until this week. **The committee will begin the mark up with Title I – Energy Conservation. This title includes three subtitles:**

- **Subtitle A – Federal Leadership in Energy Conservation:** covers energy management for the Legislative and Executive Branches
- **Subtitle B – Energy Assistance and State Programs:** covers DOE state grant programs
- **Subtitle C – Energy Efficient Products:** includes provisions dealing with EnergyStar, appliance test procedures and labeling, and energy efficiency

The committee will begin marking up the bill on Tuesday, April 8, focusing on energy efficiency, the President's Hydrogen Fuel Cell Initiative, and the relicensing of hydropower. On April 2, the Committee on Finance completed a mark up of the tax incentive package, *S. 597 – Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2003*, which will be added as an amendment to the overall bill on the Senate floor. The bill was supported and approved on a bipartisan basis (see summary below).

The Senate bill includes a provision requiring Federal agencies to acquire 3 percent of their energy from renewable resources between 2005 to 2007 and at a minimum, 7.5 percent of energy from renewable resources by FY 2011 and beyond. The bill also continues energy savings performance contracts and provides and advances Federal building performance standards. (Unlike the Senate Democrat's bill from the 107th Congress, the legislation does not include a renewable portfolio standard.) Other provisions deal with energy efficient appliance standards and include an appliance rebate program in the amount of \$50 million per year through 2008. The bill also directs a series of assessments between 2004 through 2008 to determine the availability of domestic renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, etc.; the bill authorizes \$20 million per year for the periodic assessments. For the committee mark ups, see the schedule provided below...

Energy Tax Incentives Markup On April 2, the Committee on Finance marked up the *Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2003*. Committee Chair, Charles Grassley (R/IA) expressed satisfaction that the committee was acting “in a way that is not partisan and rancorous” to pass the bill. He also stated, “We are responding to a national priority, energy security, in a balanced and comprehensive way.” The tax bill expands production tax credits for biomass, geothermal wells, and solar energy and establishes a new tax credit for biodiesel fuels.

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

See detailed provisions for all bills at: thomas.loc.gov

HOUSE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
H.R. 1331	No Short Title	March 18	Dennis Moore (D/KS)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> , to extend and modify the credit for producing fuel from a non-conventional source.			
	Applies to qualified fuel from landfill gas facilities placed in service between 6/30/98 – 1/1/07.			
H.R. 1332	No Short Title	March 18	James Nussle (R/IA)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> , to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit.			
	\$50 for clothes washer produced in 2003, with at least a 1.26 MEF or refrigerators produced in 2003, which consume at least 10% less kWh per year than the energy conservation standards for refrigerators promulgated by DOE, effective July 1, 2001			
	\$100 for clothes washers produced in 2003, with at least a 1.42 MEF (at least 1.5 MEF for washers produced after 2003 and before 2008), or refrigerators produced after 2002 and before 2007, which consumes at least 15% less kWh per year (at least 20% less kWh per year for refrigerators produced in 2007) than such energy conservation standards			
	\$150 for refrigerators, which consume at least 20% less kWh per year than such energy conservation standards and is produced after 2002 and before 2007			
	Credits shall not exceed \$60 million per taxpayer, and not more than \$30 million shall be allowed for production of any combination of clothes washers produced with a 1.26 MEF.			

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H.R. 1335	National Parks Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Act	March 18	George Radanovich (R/CA)	Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Resources
	<p>Authorizes DOE, DOI (including the National Park Service) to establish a program to provide funds to assist in the deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen infrastructure at National Parks. DOE shall provide Congress within 1 year, and annually thereafter, a report describing activities taken pursuant to program. Report shall address whether such activities reduce environmental impacts of energy use at National Parks. Authorizes \$2 million for each of FY 2004 through 2010.</p>			
H.R. 1343	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Act of 2003	March 18	Lynne Woolsey (D/CA)	Referred to the Committee on Science
	<p>Establishes energy program for U.S. that reveals potential of renewable energy and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Research, development, demonstration, and commercial applications programs to be designed to enable 20% of energy generated in U.S. from stationary sources to be generated from non hydropower renewable energy sources by the year 2020.</p> <p>Wind power program should reduce cost of wind electricity by 50% by 2008.</p> <p>Photovoltaic programs should pursue RD&D leading to photovoltaic systems prices of \$3,000 per kilowatt by 1/1/05, and \$1,500 per kilowatt by 1/1/08.</p> <p>Solar thermal electric systems programs should strengthen ongoing RD&D combining high-efficiency and high-temperature receivers with advanced thermal storage and power cycles, with goal of making solar-only widely competitive with fossil fuel power by 2017.</p> <p>Geothermal energy programs should continue to focus on hydrothermal systems, and reactivate RD&D on advanced concepts.</p> <p>Hydrogen-based energy systems programs should support RD&D on hydrogen-using and hydrogen-producing technologies.</p> <p>Biomass energy programs should enable U.S. to triple bioenergy use by 2010.</p> <p>Hydropower programs should provide new generation of turbine technologies to increase generating capacity.</p> <p>Electric energy and storage programs should develop high capacity superconducting transmission lines and generators, and develop distributed generating systems to accommodate multiple types of energy sources under a common interconnect standard.</p> <p>Authorizes to DOE \$575 million for FY 2004, \$651 million for FY 2005, \$736 million for FY 2006, \$831 million for FY 2007, and \$942 million for FY 2008.</p>			

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	<p>Energy efficiency in housing programs should develop technologies, housing components, designs, and production methods that will, by 2010 reduce time needed to move technologies to market by 50%.</p> <p>Industrial energy efficiency programs should, in cooperation with affected industries, develop microturbine (40 to 300 kilowatt) that is more than 40% efficient by 2008;</p> <p>Develop microturbine that is more than 50% efficient by 2012; develop advanced materials for combustion systems that reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides by 30 to 50% while increasing efficiency 5 to 10% by 2009; and improve the energy intensity of the major energy-consuming industries by at least 25% by 2012.</p> <p>Authorizes to DOE \$900 million for FY 2004, \$950 million for FY 2005, \$1.025 million for FY 2006, \$1.110 million for FY 2007, and \$1.200 million for FY 2008.</p> <p>None of authorized funds authorized under this section may be used for promulgation and implementation of energy efficiency regulations; the Weatherization Assistance Program under part A of title IV of the <i>Energy Conservation and Production Act</i>; the State Energy Program; or the Federal Energy Management Program under part 3 of title V of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act.</p> <p>Within 1 year of enactment, DOE shall submit to Congress, an assessment of all renewable energy resources available for commercial applications within U.S. Assessment to include a detailed inventory describing available amount and characteristics of renewable energy sources, and estimate of RD&D, and commercial applications efforts necessary to develop each resource. Authorizes to DOE \$10 million for FY 2004, and such sums as may be necessary for FY 2005 – FY 2022.</p> <p>Develop, by 2012, advanced solid-state lighting technologies based on white light emitting diodes that, compared to incandescent and fluorescent lighting technologies, are longer lasting; more energy-efficient; and cost-competitive. DOE to carry out fundamental research activities of Next Generation Lighting Initiative through private consortium and provide grants for development, demonstration, and commercial application of lighting initiatives. Authorizes \$10 million for FY 2004 and \$50 million for each of the FY 2005 - FY 2008.</p> <p>Office of Science and Technology Policy shall establish interagency group, to integrate Federal, state, and voluntary private sector efforts to reduce costs of construction, operation, maintenance, and renovation of commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential buildings.</p> <p>Within 1 year of enactment, interagency group shall submit to Congress, plan for R,D,D and commercial application of systems and materials for new construction and retrofit relating to building envelope and building system components; and collection, analysis, and dissemination of research results and other pertinent information on enhancing building performance to industry, government entities, and the public.</p> <p>DOE shall commission independent assessment of innovative financing techniques to facilitate construction of new renewable energy and energy efficiency facilities that might not otherwise be built in a competitive market. DOE shall submit results of</p>			

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				<p>assessment to Congress within 9 months of enactment. Applies to commercial buildings.</p> <p>DOE shall establish program for the demonstration of innovative technologies for solar and other renewable energy sources in buildings owned or operated by state or local government, and for dissemination of information resulting from such demonstration to interested parties. Authorizes to DOE \$60 million for FY 2004, \$70 million for FY 2005, \$80 million for FY 2006, \$90 million for FY 2007, and \$100 million for FY 2008.</p> <p>Within one year of enactment, and every 5 years thereafter, DOE shall oversee a review of each Federal agency's regulations and policies to identify existing regulations and policies that act as barriers to development and commercialization of emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and processes and actions agencies are taking or could take to remove barriers to market entry for emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies; increase energy efficiency.</p> <p>DOE shall establish education and outreach program, including innovative education and outreach techniques, on renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to manufacturers, consumers, engineers, architects, builders, energy service companies, universities, facility planners and managers, state and local governments, and other entities. Authorizes \$100 million for each of the FY 2004 through 2008, and necessary amounts for each of FY 2009 through 2022.</p> <p>DOE shall establish competitive matching grant pilot program to support voluntary local government programs that promote innovative energy efficiency technologies and processes to reduce industrial use of water and the discharge of wastewater from commercial and industrial entities. Program to be in partnership with municipal entities, including publicly owned treatment works, and non-governmental organizations and associations. Authorizes \$60 million for fiscal year 2004, \$70 million for FY 2005, \$80 million for FY 2006, \$90 million for FY 2007, and \$100 million for FY 2008.</p>
H.R. 1348	Construction Quality Assurance Act of 2003	March 19	Paul Kanjorski (D/PA)	Referred to the Committee on Government Reform
				<p>Assures quality and best value with respect to Federal construction projects by prohibiting practice known as bid shopping. Within 120 days of enactment, Federal Acquisition Regulations shall be modified to provide appropriate solicitation provisions, contract clauses, and investigatory procedures to implement this Act.</p>
H.R. 1356	No Short Title	March 19	Eliot Engel (D/NY)	Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce
				<p>Provides fuel efficiency vehicle credit an amount equal to 25% of cost of any qualified fuel-efficient vehicle placed in service by taxpayer during taxable year.</p>

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H.R. 1370	<i>Interstate Transmission Act</i>	March 19	Albert Wynn (D/MD)	Referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means
	<p>Amends the <i>Federal Power Act</i>, to provide for expansion of electricity transmission networks in order to support competitive electricity markets, to ensure reliability of electric service, to modernize regulation, and for other purposes.</p> <p>FERC shall publish a report, which it shall revise each year thereafter, describing areas where additional facilities are necessary to increase electric transmission capacity.</p>			
H.R. 1423	<i>Preserving Our World's Energy and Resources Act of 2003</i>	March 25	Eliot Engel (D/NY)	Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce
	<p>Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to expand energy credit to include investment in property, which produces energy from certain renewable sources and expenditures for cool roofing, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Provides energy credit for equipment which uses wind to generate electricity, or cool roof property (property which is used as roof or roof coating and which has a solar reflectance index (as determined by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) of 65 % or greater.</p> <p>Retail electric supplier shall measure net electricity produced or consumed during billing period.</p> <p>Within 1 year of enactment, commission shall publish model standards for physical connection between local distribution systems and qualified generation units and electric generation units that would be qualified generation units.</p>			
H.R. 1447	<i>Ethanol and Biodiesel Promotion Act of 2003</i>	March 26	Ron Lewis (R/KY)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	<p>Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to provide incentives to increase sale and use of certain ethanol and biodiesel fuels. No Federal funds shall be used for the planning, design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the Center.</p>			

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
H.R. 1458	<i>Homeland Infrastructure Power Security and Assurance Incentives Act of 2003</i>	March 27	Lee Terry (R/NE)	Referred to the Committee on Science
	<p>Authorizes DOE to establish Advanced Technology Incentives Program to fund development and deployment of new advanced technologies such as fuel cells, turbines, hybrid, and storage system power technologies.</p> <p>Funds allotted to program to be used to reduce system costs, and improve performance and reliability of advanced distributed power generation and energy storage systems.</p> <p>Within 6 months of enactment, DOE and Department of Homeland Security shall measure, evaluate and rate security and assurance performance improvement, define the types of locations and facilities that would most need benefits of improvements, determine criteria for facilities that generate or store and distribute electric energy that improves security, assurance, and reliability of Nation's electricity grid and protects infrastructure including military installations, financial institutions, medical and first responder facilities.</p> <p>DOE shall prepare report for Congress on ways incentive payments can accelerate introduction of technologies capable of providing maximum level of improvement and benefit to public.</p> <p>Authorizes \$25 million for FY 2004, \$50 million for FY 2005, \$75 million for FY 2006, and \$100 million for FY 2007.</p>			
H.R. 1459	<i>Save America's Valuable Energy Resources Act of 2003</i>	March 27	Gerald Weller (R/IL)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	<p>Amends <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to provide tax credits for making energy efficiency improvements to existing homes and constructing new energy efficient homes.</p> <p>Provides credit an amount equal to 20% of amount paid or incurred by taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during such taxable year, not to exceed \$2,000.</p> <p>Provides deduction for energy efficiency commercial building property an amount equal to energy efficient commercial building property expenditures made by taxpayer for taxable year, not to exceed product of \$2.25, and square footage of the building with respect to which the expenditures are made. This shall not apply to property placed in service after 1/31/07.</p>			

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
H.R. 1461	<i>Clean School Buses Act</i>	March 27	Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY)	Referred to the Committee on Science
	Provides for the establishment by DOE of a pilot program and a development and demonstration program for clean fuel school buses.			
H.R. 1491	<i>Securing Transportation Energy Efficiency for Tomorrow Act of 2003</i>	March 27	James Oberstar (D/MN)	Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure; Science; Ways and Means; Resources; International Relations, and Financial Services
	<p>GSA may establish photovoltaic energy commercialization program for procurement and installation of photovoltaic solar electric systems for electric production in new and existing public buildings. Within 60 days of enactment, GSA and DOE shall establish a photovoltaic solar energy systems evaluation program to evaluate such systems as are required in public buildings.</p> <p>Architect of the Capitol, shall conduct study to evaluate energy infrastructure of Capitol Complex to determine how infrastructure could be augmented to become more energy efficient, using photovoltaic solar energy systems, district-heating, and other unconventional and renewable energy resources, in a way that would enable the Complex to have reliable utility service in event of power fluctuations, shortages, or outages. Within one year, Architect of the Capitol shall transmit to Congress, a report containing results of the study.</p>			
H.R 1531	<i>Energy Tax Policy Act of 2003</i>	April 1	James McCreery (R/LA)	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
	<p>Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to enhance energy conservation and provide for reliability and diversity in energy supply.</p> <p>Provides credit of 15% of qualified photovoltaic property expenditures, and 15% of qualified solar water heating property expenditures, not to exceed \$2,000 for each system of property.</p> <p>Extends until 2007, credit for electricity produced from renewable resources, including wind and closed-loop biomass facilities.</p> <p>Provides credit for qualified fuel cell power plants, not to exceed \$500 for each 1/2 kilowatt of capacity of the power plant.</p> <p>Provides credit for energy efficiency improvements to existing homes, not to exceed \$2,000.</p> <p>Provides energy credit for combined heat and power system property.</p> <p>Provides for reduced motor fuel excise tax on certain mixtures of diesel fuel.</p> <p>Repeals phase-outs for qualified electric vehicle credit and deduction for clean fuel-vehicles.</p>			

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
	Extends and modifies credit for producing fuel from a non-conventional source.			
H.R. 1550	No Short Title	April 1	Dennis Rehberg (R/MT)	Referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Resources, and Science
	<p>Authorizes the DOI and USDA to make grants to improve commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes.</p> <p>Departments may make grants to any person that owns or operates a facility that uses biomass as a raw material to produce electric energy, sensible heat, transportation fuels, or substitutes for petroleum-based products to offset the costs incurred to purchase biomass for use by such facility.</p> <p>Authorizes \$50 million for each of FY 2004 through 2014.</p> <p>By 10/1/10, USDA and DOI, shall submit to Congress, report describing grant program results.</p>			

SENATE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
S. 664	<i>Investment in America Act of 2003</i>	March 19	Orrin Hatch (R/UT)	Referred to the Committee on Finance
	<p>Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to permanently extend research credit, to increase rates of alternative incremental credit, and to provide alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.</p> <p>Increases rates of alternative incremental credit.</p> <p>Provides alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses such that credit shall be equal to 12% of qualified research expenses for taxable year as exceeds 50% of average qualified research expenses for the 3 taxable years preceding the taxable year for which credit is being determined.</p>			
S. 758	No Short Title	April 1	Joe Lieberman (I/VT)	Referred to the Committee on Finance
	Amends the <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i> , to allow credit against income tax for certain energy-efficient property.			

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
S. 759	<i>Residential, Farm, Ranch, and Small Business Wind Energy Systems Act of 2003 or the Small Wind Energy Systems Act of 2003</i>	April 1	Richard Durbin (D/IL)	Referred to the Committee on Finance
<p>Amends <i>Internal Revenue Code of 1986</i>, to provide tax credit for individuals and businesses for installation of certain wind energy property.</p> <p>Provides credit an amount equal to lesser of 30% of property, including all necessary installation fees and charges, or \$1,000 for each kilowatt of capacity of such property.</p> <p>Amendments apply to property placed in service after 12/21/03.</p>				

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

There are no initiatives of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
<i>April 8–</i>	James Walsh (R/NY)	<i>Hearing –</i>	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room H 143 Capitol
Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies		FY 2004 Budget Request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration		

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
<i>April 8 –</i> Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies	Ernest Istook (R/OK)	<i>Hearing –</i> FY 2004 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation	Norman Minetta, Secretary of Transportation	10:00 a.m. Room 2358 Rayburn Office Building
<i>(NEW)</i>				
<i>April 8 –</i> Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies	Ralph Regula (R/OH)	<i>Hearing –</i> FY 2004 Budget Request for the Department of Labor	Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor	10:15 a.m. Room 2358 Rayburn Office Building
<i>(NEW)</i>				

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
<i>April 8 –</i> Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs (Committee on Government Reform)	Doug Ose (R/CA)	<i>Hearing –</i> California Energy Market Refunds and Reform	Pat Wood, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Terry Winter, President, California Independent System Operator	2 p.m. Room 2154 Rayburn Office Building

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 8 –</i> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	<i>Markup</i> Title VIII of untitled comprehensive energy bill focusing on includes provisions on energy efficiency, renewable energy, state energy programs, hydrogen-powered fuel cells, and hydropower relicensing	N/A	10 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 8 –</i> Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion (Committee on Foreign Relations) <i>(NEW)</i>	Chuck Hagel (R/NE)	<i>Hearing -</i> Global Energy Security – including the overall factors affecting U.S. energy policy	Kyle McSlarrow, DOE Deputy Secretary ; Alan Larson, Undersecretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Vahan Zanoian, President and CEO of PFC Energy; Daniel Yergin, Chairman of Cambridge Energy Research Associates; Martha Olcott, Senior Associate for Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	2:30 p.m. Room 419 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 9 –</i> Committee on Environment and Public Works	James Inhofe (R/OK)	<i>Markup –</i> <i>S. 791</i> , which bans methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) <i>S. 156, the Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 2003</i>	N/A	9:30 a.m. Room 406 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 9 –</i> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources <i>(NEW)</i>	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	<i>Markup –</i> Title III of untitled comprehensive energy bill, focusing on development of energy resources on Tribal and Indian lands and oil and gas	N/A	10 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 10 –</i> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources <i>(NEW)</i>	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	<i>Markup –</i> Title IV - untitled comprehensive energy bill focusing on including climate change and nuclear issues	N/A	10 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 10 –</i> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources <i>(NEW)</i>	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	<i>Markup –</i> Title XII - untitled comprehensive energy bill focusing on electricity	N/A	10:00 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

Date and Action Item	Topic	Location
<i>House Floor Consideration and Vote</i> April 9 or 10 <i>(NEW)</i>	<i>H.R. ____ - Energy Policy Action of 2003; four separate bills to be combined into one bill)</i>	Time: TBD House Chamber U.S. Capitol
<i>House and Senate Conference Negotiations</i>	<i>H.R. 1559/S. 762 – FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations</i>	Week of April 7

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